

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of all pending claims as evidenced on the Notice of Allowance mailed February 29, 2008. Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's request for the present amendment to correct the inadvertent omission of the period at the end of the recitations of Claim 12. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.312, before payment of the Issue Fee and without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of any continuation application(s).

Applicants note that the Examiner has authority, pursuant to M.P.E.P. section 1302.04, to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, which Applicants respectfully request in the present case.

If any informal matters arise the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at 919-854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

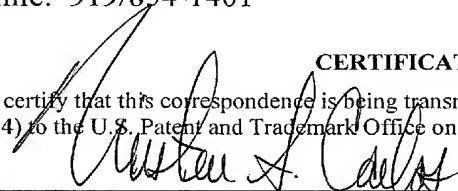


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